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Sir:

As a means of complying with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR § 1.53 and in keeping with the guidelines of 37 CFR 1.98, Applicants hereby submit information thought to be relevant to the examination of the above-identified application, Also submitted herewith is a completed form PTO-1449.

This information was cited in a European Search Report dated July 15, 2004, and it is hereby certified that this disclosure is being made within three months of that date.

United States Patent 5,596,639, Kikinis, relates to a programmable access control of data on CD-ROMs that is capable of selectively and securely accessing encoded binary digital passwords and decryption keys that may be placed on the disk after manufacture.

European Patent Application EP 0930616 A2, Imamura, et al., relates to a data storage device for recording data on a memory medium, such as a magneto-optical disk that ensures the secrecy and the security of recorded data.

PCT Application WO 99/18506, Mott et al., relates to a digital information transmission, receiving, and playback system for targeting a digital information playback device by embedding a device ID or group ID into a digital information playback file.

"Challenges for copyright in a digital age," I.D. Bramhill et al., relates to general-purpose copyright protection systems that can be used in internet-based services. These copyright protection systems can be integrated into electronic payment schemes to provide an avenue for revenue collection.

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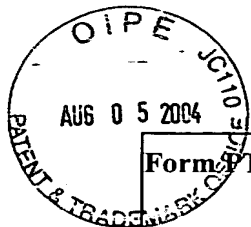
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